

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Lower Level – Room 40, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard
August 14, 2008

Present: Carole Kralicek, Paul Larson, Diane Trout-Oertel, Richard Faricy, Mark Shepherd Thomas, Steve Tremble, Carol Carey, Pat Igo, John Manning, Shari Taylor Wilsey

Absent: Susan Bartlett Foote, April Haas, Lee Meyer

Staff Present: Amy Spong, Christine Barr, Cory Rucker

CALL TO ORDER: 5:08 PM by Larson (Chair)

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Agenda was approved as submitted (**Wilsey, Igo**).

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. July 10, 2008 Business Meeting: The minutes were approved as presented (Igo, Wilsey).

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: There were no conflicts of interest stated.

4. AFTER-THE-FACT PERMIT REVIEW

A. **237-239 Bates Avenue, Dayton's Bluff Historic District**, by Emmett Owens, owner, for permits to install a white PVC fence in the front and side yards and install a new garage door, lattice screening and sliding doors at the rear, and new windows, shutters, front door, side-lite and trim. Work was completed without HPC review or permits. **File #08-043** (Barr)

Staff read the report recommending denial of the application. Staff showed photos of the property before and after the work was performed without the proper permits. The commission as a whole had questions about the creation of the homeowner association and what role they play in guiding such remodeling projects. There were also questions as to why the contractor or the applicant did not pull the proper permits to complete the work after earlier applying and refusing to complete the process.

The applicant Emmett Owens and his attorney Elizabeth Clysdale were present to speak and she stated on his behalf that he was a good steward of the property he owned and lived at. She handed out some materials of which one sheet was a petition of people that supported the work done by Mr. Owens. She also stated that Owens was the victim of a crime and that the neighborhood had a problem with criminal activity. Also the repairs to the home were due to security concerns and related to vandalism that had occurred to the applicant's property. It was noted that the applicant was somewhat familiar with the permit process and had received favorable consideration in the past.

Staff read a letter from a neighbor supporting the changes to the property and the meeting was closed to the public as no one else was present to speak. Manning and Igo supported the idea of a conditional approval that would allow the windows installed to be approved.

Carey moved for denial based on staff recommendation and Trimble seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a 6-3 vote with (Manning, Igo, Kralicek) voting against.

5. PERMIT REVIEW/PUBLIC HEARING

A. **226 Summit Avenue, Hill Historic District**, by Advanced Masonry Restoration, for a building permit to install aluminum framed windows into recessed window openings. File #08-044 (Spong).

Staff presented the report recommending approval of the application. The applicant Scott Domeier was present to speak and also Robert Miller from Advanced Masonry Restoration. They both agreed with staff recommendations and would work closely with staff to stay within guidelines. Trout-Oertel asked

what else could be done instead of replacement of windows in response to a recent burglary. Applicant stated the different alternatives he had pursued and replacement was the most affective to combat the perceived problem and safety of onsite residents.

The public hearing was closed as no one else was present to speak. **Igo moved to approve the application with staff recommendations. Manning moved to second the motion. The motion passed 6-2 (Trout-Oertel, Thomas).**

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and provide comment for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Supplemental Historic Properties Investigations and Evaluations report for the Central Corridor (Spong). There was no draft resolution to approve but the HPC agreed that a letter stating the various roles of the HPC and various contexts which the HPC will be considering in the review process would be sufficient at this time.

7. STAFF UPDATES

A. July Design Review Statistics were included and noted.

B. Staff informed that Highland Park District Council would be reviewing the Ramsey County Active Living bench proposal on September 11. It appears that the district council has many of the same concerns that the HPC expressed when they denied the proposal.

C. Larson noted the Saint Paul Architecture book is now available in paperback.

D. Staff informed they would be attending the Fourth Street workshops August 19 & 21 at Dayton's Bluff Library.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Cory Rucker